

ABSTRACT AMENDMENT

Abstract (in conjunction with Fig. 6)

Washer extractors (41) comprise, particularly when they are arranged near a dividing wall (43) between a clean area (44) and dirty area (42), a number of openings (13) in the drums (12, 14). One of these openings must be located in the cylindrical jacket area of the drums (12, 14), thus requiring a complex door for closing this opening in the jacket of the drums (12, 14).

The washer-extractor (41) according to the invention comprises having only a single front-end opening (13) of the drums (12, 14). This opening (13) is used for loading and also unloading. The openings (13, 15) can be closed by a door (46). The door (46) can be separated from the drums (12, 14). In addition, the door (46) does not co-rotate when the inner drum (12) is rotationally driven for washing and spinning the laundry. A washer-extractor (41) of this type is characterized by its simple design and by a reliable sealing effected by the door (46), particularly when the washer-extractor (41) is arranged in the dividing wall (43).